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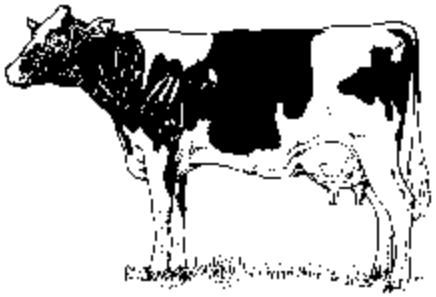
Louisiana Milk Production

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 149 million pounds of milk during the January-March 2003 quarter, down 12 percent from the same period in 2002. The number of milk cows averaged 48,000 head during the quarter, down 6 percent from last year.



United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 20 major milk producting states totaled 13.0 billion pounds during March, up 1.5 percent from March 2002. February revised production, at 11.6 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from February 2002. The February revision represented a decrease of 8 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,664 pounds for March, 10 pounds above March 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.81 million head, 67,000 head more than March 2002, and 2,000 head more than February 2003.

Milk production in the United States during the January-March quarter totaled 43.0 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 43,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk Production: Selected States, January-March 2002-2003

Selected States	January - March Milk Cows [1]		January - March Milk Production [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	----------Thousands----------		----------Million Pounds----------	
Alabama	20	18	79	70
Arkansas	33	30	107	96
Louisiana	**51**	**48**	**170**	**149**
Mississippi	34	32	139	122
Oklahoma	88	88	328	333
Tennessee	90	82	350	325
Texas	310	311	1,392	1,448
20 Major States [3]	7,745	7,812	12,810	12,996
United States	**9,112**	**9,155**	**42,397**	**42,958**

[1]Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

[2]Excludes milk sucked by calves.

[3]Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.

Biotechnology Varieties

The National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts the March Agricultural Survey in all states each year. Randomly selected farmers across the United States were asked what they intend to plant during the upcoming growing season. Questions include whether or not farmers intend to plant corn, soybean, or upland cotton seed that, through biotechnology, is resistant to herbicides, insects, or both. The biotechnology (biotech) questions were asked for the first time in March 2000. The states published individually in the following table represent 81 percent of all upland cotton planted acres.

Upland Cotton: Biotechnology Varieties by State and United States, Percent of Upland Cotton Planted, 2002-2003

State	Insect Resistant (Bt)		Herbicide Resistant	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Arkansas	27	34	37	19
California	6	4	26	28
Georgia	8	11	55	35
Louisiana	27	31	9	14
Mississippi	19	12	22	18
North Carolina	14	12	27	38
Texas	7	15	40	30
Other States [1]	19	18	35	35
United States	13	16	36	30
	Stacked Gene Varieties		**All Biotech Varieties**	
	2002	**2003**	**2002**	**2003**
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Arkansas	26	39	90	92
California	1	1	33	33
Georgia	30	43	93	89
Louisiana	49	43	85	88
Mississippi	47	48	88	78
North Carolina	45	41	86	91
Texas	4	5	51	50
Other States [1]	32	33	86	86
United States	22	24	71	70

[1]Other states includes all other states in the Upland cotton estimating program.

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